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» Nirvana is on the classic oldies station.



» Beethoven always has been a dog.



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» They have never twisted the coiled handset wire while chatting on the phone.



» Trading Chocolate the Moose for Patti the Platypus helped build their Beanie Baby collection.

» The class of 2014 does not wear wristwatches.



college daze

It's back-to-school season for many students across the country. Whether you're dashing off for last-minute supplies or fondly recalling those lazy afternoons spent on the quad, what better time than now to look into the state of America's campus newbies? Enter the Beloit College Mindset List. Every August since 1998, the Wisconsin college has released its list of the "cultural touchstones that shape the lives of students entering college this fall." The list is created by professors at Beloit and compiled from suggestions. Here are 10 highlights from the 75-point outline of the realities of the class of 2014, most of whom were born in 1992. **REDEYE**



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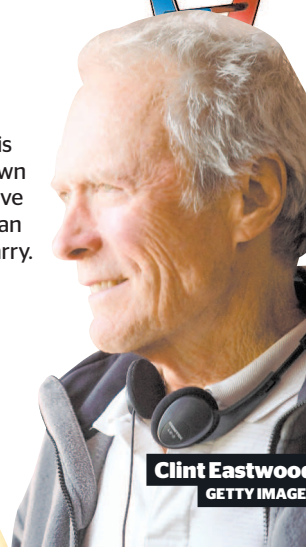
» DNA fingerprinting and maps of the human genome always have existed.

» Fergie is a pop singer, not a princess.



» A quarter of the class has at least one immigrant parent.

» Clint Eastwood is better known as a sensitive director than as Dirty Harry.



Clint Eastwood
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ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER RANKING

U.S. News and World report unveiled its "Best Colleges" rankings for 2011 on Tuesday, taking into account factors such as retention rates, graduation rates and strength of faculty. Here are the schools in the top tier, some of which are tied, affecting sequence. **REDEYE**

1. Harvard University

2. Princeton University

3. Yale University

4. Columbia University

5. Stanford University (TIED)

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Confessions of a comic-book geek

Growing up there were three things I felt identified someone as a big nerd: watching "Star Trek," playing Dungeons & Dragons and reading comic books—and I wouldn't have been caught dead playing, watching or reading any of those things.

I was in a band, for goodness' sake! OK, I was in the marching band but still, it was cool, right? I held onto that sophomore attitude for years until recently, when something in me changed. And now I am transforming into that which I used to fear most: a big geek.

It started like any normal Tuesday afternoon. I was walking along Clark Street in Wrigleyville, when I found myself being inexplicably drawn into Chicago Comics. I went in, walked over to the display wall and saw it before me like a beacon of light!

Wait, I'm getting ahead of myself. Here is my origin story: After spending the past six months re-watching the entire "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" series on DVD, I found myself wanting to know what happened to the Scooby gang after the series ended. That's when a fellow "Buffy" fan said to me, "You know there is a Season 8." My heart leaped! "It's a comic book," he said, and my heart sank.

As a kid I never could get into comics. My attention span was used to three-panel "Peanuts" in the Sunday funnies and I wasn't about to spend \$5 of my allowance for 20 pages of drawings in a comic book series that I had already missed the first 100 issues of. So I decided I didn't like comic books and that conviction stuck with me for 25 years.

Until that fateful day in Chicago Comics when I found the "Buffy" comic series. And just like that, KAPOW! I was hooked. At first, I hid this from the world, only pulling out the comics when I was alone. Eventually I found others like me and now I have no qualms about showing them in public.

"Watch out, it's a gateway comic!" my friend Steve said to me when I finally admitted that I bought the first issue. That was a few months and 40 comics ago. Now I wander into Chicago Comics and look for other series I might like. I also subscribe to the local **comicbookqueers.com** podcast and I would not be averse to going to Comic-Con. I feel like I have been awakened to a new power and interest, not unlike, well, every comic book superhero ever.

If you are like me, the idea of picking up a comic book midseries is very daunting, but picking up where an established TV series left off is an easy bridge to cross. In addition to "Buffy," Joss Whedon's "Angel" and "Serenity" also are serialized, as are several other recently canceled TV shows.

My love for "BtVS" pulled off my mask and revealed the true geek that lies beneath. Which I now embrace. Although I still shun D&D.

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RETRIAL DOWN THE ROAD

**BLAGOJEVICH CONVICTED ON 1 OF 24 COUNTS;
PROSECUTORS PROMISE IT'S NOT THE END**

Chicago Tribune

As governor, Rod Blagojevich was a personal and political riddle, and the muddled end Tuesday to his summer-long federal corruption trial did little to clear up the mystery.

After 14 days of deliberations, the six-man, six-woman jury convicted Blagojevich on just one of the 24 felony counts he faced—a charge that he had lied to FBI agents about his intense involvement in campaign fundraising.

Prosecutors made it clear they intend to retry Blagojevich on the 23 counts on which the jury deadlocked—perhaps sooner rather than later.

Jury foreman James Matsumoto of Chicago said the panel was close to convicting the former governor on other counts—hung up 11-1 in some instances—but were not close to acquitting him on any counts. They actually had agreed to convict him of a second count last week—a count of attempted extortion—but one juror backed away from that choice at the last moment, the foreman said.

The counts on which the jury could not agree framed the heart of the government claims that Blagojevich schemed to profit from his post from his earliest days in office and in 2008 attempted to auction off the U.S. Senate seat vacated by President Obama. A lone holdout, a female retiree from the suburbs, blocked conviction of Blagojevich on the Senate seat allegation, another juror said.

U.S. District Judge James Zagel declared a mistrial on the 23 counts the jury could not reach a verdict on, including sweeping racketeering and conspiracy counts that accused him of running the state as a criminal enterprise.

Still, the lone conviction makes Democrat Blagojevich the second former Illinois governor in four years to be convicted in federal court of wrongdoing and the fourth since 1973.

The jury also was unable to come to any unanimous decision on four counts faced by

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

To see reactions to the Blagojevich verdict from RedEye's Twitter followers and Facebook fans, go to bit.ly/blagoverdict.

Blagojevich's brother, Robert, who ran the governor's campaign fund for four months in 2008.

Blagojevich immediately portrayed himself as a victim as he lashed out at prosecutors, U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald in particular.

"I didn't break any laws, I didn't do anything wrong," Blagojevich said. "This particular prosecutor did everything he could to target me and prosecute me, persecute me, put pressure on my family, try to take our home, take me from my kids, arrest me."

Without hesitation, prosecutors declared their intention to retry him. Assistant U.S. Atty. Reid Schar told Zagel they could "be here tomorrow" to set a date.

Rather than lie low in the face of having to try the case again, Blagojevich's lawyers heaped scorn on Fitzgerald as well.

"This guy Fitzgerald is a master at indicting people for noncriminal activity," Sam Adam Sr. roared as he left the courthouse. "This guy is nuts."

As the verdict was about to be announced,



Zagel asked the jury foreman, Matsumoto, if it was correct that the panel was able to agree unanimously on only one count. After Matsumoto said that was the case, the judge's deputy read that Blagojevich had been convicted of only the last count in the indictment.

Still, Blagojevich pursed his lips and shook his head slightly, stealing a glance at his wife, Patti, who stared straight ahead, breathing heavily. The single count carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, though Blagojevich likely doesn't face sentencing until after a retrial.

After learning of the conviction, Patti

Blagojevich briefly doubled over, resting her head on the chair in front of her and shaking her head "no" several times. After the jury left, she collapsed back into her seat. When Judge Zagel stood up to the call of "all rise!" Patti Blagojevich did not leave her chair.

Lawyers in the case are to be back in court Aug. 26, possibly to pick a retrial date. Prosecutors are expected to push for the case to be back before a jury this fall, while the defense is likely to drag its heels and promised to appeal the single count the former governor was convicted on.



WHAT WAS HE CONVICTED OF?

Rod Blagojevich faces five years in prison for allegedly lying to federal agents who interviewed him March 16, 2005, and asked about links between fundraising and the handing out of state business by his administration.

Blagojevich answered that since becoming governor in 2003, he “does not track, or want to know, who contributes to him or how much they are contributing to him,” according to the federal indictment.

During the trial, two women who worked in the Friends of Blagojevich campaign office told the jury that the governor would review a database of contributors and that Blagojevich sometimes demanded to know why certain contributors hadn’t met their projected donation amounts.

Gerald Krozel, chairman of the Illinois branch of the American Concrete Pavement Association, said that in September 2008, Blagojevich dangled a multibillion-dollar road-building scheme while pressing for fundraising help.

On Tuesday, Blagojevich again denied those charges, vowing to appeal the guilty verdict. **TRIBUNE**

No Blago-Obama conspiracy comes out of trial

Chicago Tribune

To many on the right, President Obama is imprinted with the sleazy DNA of Chicago politics, an article of faith reinforced by the stunning charges that former Gov. Rod Blagojevich schemed to profit from a deal to replace Obama in the U.S. Senate.

But conspiracy theories are far easier to concoct than prove, and perhaps nothing bears that out better than testimony

at Blagojevich’s federal corruption trial about the hunt for a new Illinois senator.

Rather than negotiating with Blagojevich over the Senate post, the evidence showed Obama and his top aides kept a healthy distance from a governor considered not just politically toxic, but downright goofy.

Blagojevich sought to claim his own vindication on that point Tuesday, after a federal jury said it could not agree on

nearly all the corruption charges against him, including the allegation involving the Senate seat.

Federal prosecutors promptly promised a retrial, which could bring new witnesses and testimony—including convicted fundraiser Antoin “Tony” Rezko, whose ties to Blagojevich and Obama long have been fodder for Democratic critics. The White House referred questions to the Justice Department.

THE VERDICT COUNT BY COUNT

After 14 days of deliberation, the jury found former Gov. Rod Blagojevich guilty of making false statements. Below is the verdict, charges and how each charge relates to the alleged schemes.

The charges and verdict

Count		
1	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY HUNG
ACTS	1 COMMITTED	NOT COMMITTED
	2 COMMITTED	NOT COMMITTED
	3 COMMITTED	NOT COMMITTED
	4 COMMITTED	NOT COMMITTED
	5 COMMITTED	NOT COMMITTED
	6 COMMITTED	NOT COMMITTED
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23	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY HUNG
24	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY HUNG

COUNT 1: RACKETEERING

COUNT 2: RACKETEERING CONSPIRACY

COUNTS 3-13: MAIL FRAUD

COUNTS 14, 15, 19, 22: ATTEMPTED EXTORTION

COUNTS 16, 20: BRIBERY

COUNTS 17, 21: EXTORTION CONSPIRACY

COUNTS 18, 23: BRIBERY CONSPIRACY

COUNT 24

Making false statements

Denials by Blagojevich that he solicited campaign money in return for contracts with state boards and commissions.

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A legend remembered

Chicago's political heavyweights attend Rostenkowski's funeral

Chicago Tribune

Chicago's political class gathered at a North Side church Tuesday morning for the funeral of former U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, who rose to become one of the nation's most powerful congressional leaders before a major fall spurred by corruption charges.

Mayor Daley told those gathered that Rostenkowski was "a force of nature" who came "as close as anyone can be to being the nation's congressman."

"But he was always proud to be a working class kid from the Northwest Side," Daley said, offering a litany of big ticket Chicago projects including expressway construction and airport expansion that Rostenkowski ushered through Congress for Chicago.

Daley choked up as he thanked Rostenkowski for his friendship and help in his career.

Rostenkowski's service featured patriotic music, with "Our Country Tis of Thee" the processional and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" the recessional.

Before the service began at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, many public officials lined up in the center aisle. The mayor, former Commerce Secretary William Daley and embattled U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel of New York were among those acting as pallbearers.

Also in the crowd were U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, Cook County Commissioner John Daley, Tax Review Commissioner Joseph Berrios, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District President Terry O'Brien, Ald. Ray Suarez



(31st), Ald. Edward Burke (14th) and County Treasurer Maria Pappas. Former aldermen Ted Matlak and Burt Natarus also were on hand.

Mourners who arrived at St. Stanislaus were given a card with a picture of Rostenkowski and a poem.

They also were given a card signed by the Rev. Anthony Bus, church pastor, extending his condolences to the Rostenkowski family and thanking them for their work to save the

church from demolition during construction of the expressway.

"Congressman Dan Rostenkowski will be remembered as a strong advocate for the rights of the people of this great nation, and an icon in the city of Chicago," the card signed by Bus reads in part.

Rostenkowski, 82, who was suffering from cancer, died Aug. 11 at his Wisconsin summer home near Benedict Lake.

POLITICAL POWERHOUSE

Former U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski thrived during an era in Washington when hardball politics were tempered by compromise. During his 36-year tenure in Congress, he relished his role as a deal-maker with the likes of Democrats and Republicans, including presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. But he lost his House seat just months after being indicted on federal charges of accepting kickbacks and diverting taxpayer dollars for personal use. He served 15 months in prison after pleading guilty to mail fraud, a conviction wiped out with a pardon issued by President Bill Clinton.

Airline: Heat could have caused puppies' deaths

Chicago Tribune

Heat may have contributed to the deaths of seven puppies that arrived in Chicago on an American Airlines flight earlier this month, the carrier said Tuesday.

But the results of an animal autopsy on each dog, called a necropsy, were inconclusive, American spokeswoman Mary Frances Fagan said.

"American believes the health of the seven dogs that died may have been compromised prior to them being transported," Fagan said. "The autopsy results, while inconclusive, stated that heat may have been a factor."

The puppies were part of a shipment of 14 puppies sent by a commercial breeder in Oklahoma from the Tulsa airport to O'Hare on Aug. 3.

The animals were to be transferred to a connecting flight, but American baggage handlers at O'Hare noticed that some of the puppies looked lethargic. Five of the dogs died after the plane landed at O'Hare, and two died while being transported to a veterinarian, American said.

The airline also disclosed Tuesday for the first time that 10 other dogs were shipped

aboard the plane. Those animals survived, along with seven of the 14 dogs in the other shipment, officials said.

All the animals were transported "in compliance with American's policy regarding cargo shipment of animals in hot weather," Fagan said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is conducting a separate investigation.

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Chicago powers up global ranking

Chicago Tribune

Chicago moved up two slots, to No. 6, in an updated ranking of global cities, coming in behind New York, London, Tokyo, Paris and Hong Kong.

The ranking aims to show how much influence a city has beyond its own borders. It was conducted by Foreign Policy magazine, management consulting firm A.T. Kearney and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and comes two years after the inaugural ranking by those same parties.

The top four cities retained their hold over the two-year period, though the ranking also showed momentum in Asia and the Pacific, with five of the 10 cities deemed most global. In addition to Tokyo and Hong Kong, those cities included Singapore, Sydney and Seoul.

The ranking analyzed data ranging from numbers of major company headquarters to the size of capital markets and the flow of goods through airports and ports, Foreign Policy magazine stated. Other factors included numbers of embassies, think tanks, politi-

cal organizations and museums.

The Chicago Council on Global Affairs is expected to present an A.T. Kearney analysis on what contributed to Chicago's upward move in early September. Among the contributing factors, according to an A.T. Kearney overview, were increases in major corporate headquarters, as well as in business and international conferences. Also cited were better rankings in air freight and in visual and performing arts.

In 2008, Chicago's strengths included the

presence of major capital markets, a highly educated work force, an ability to attract international students to its universities, the presence of a number of Fortune 500 company headquarters and the size and diversity of its immigrant population.

It did not fare as well on other measures, including visits by international travelers, numbers of foreign correspondents based here, frequency of foreign coverage by local newspapers and numbers of embassies, think tanks and international organizations.

Man accused in crazy theft, crash chain

Chicago Tribune

A Lincoln Park man is accused of jumping into a Chicago police SUV and trying to run down two officers after crashing a stolen car and trying to car-jack two others.

Police said the spree began about 1 p.m. Sunday when Anthony McCoy, 41, of the 1500 block of West Fullerton Avenue, ran through a red light at LaSalle and Ontario streets in a white Lexus, hitting a vehicle and injuring the occupants.

McCoy then fled and crashed into another vehicle at Grand Avenue and Halsted Street, injuring someone in that vehicle too. McCoy sped off but the Lexus stopped near 900 W. Grand Ave., apparently because of damage from the crashes, police said.

He then tried to enter other vehicles, eventually getting into a 1999 Suzuki that was carrying a 4-year-old child, police said. McCoy tried to push the driver out but was unable to, police said.

McCoy then got into the backseat of a taxi. The driver jumped out and locked the doors, but McCoy kicked out a window and escaped, police said.

As McCoy ran off, a Near North District police officer caught up and tried to arrest him, police said. McCoy struggled with the officer and got free and took the officer's SUV.

McCoy put the SUV in gear and struck the officer and another officer who came to his aid, police said. McCoy crashed into a fire hydrant and the officers arrested him with the help of a passerby.



Daley tears into ticket memo

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Daley lashed out Tuesday at a City Hall official who warned police supervisors that the city was on track to fall far short of this year's "targets" for parking ticket revenue.

"It's just stupid. Some bureaucrat sent that out," Daley said at an event on the Northwest Side. "This is a stupid e-mail. Someone sent it. We are trying to find out who sent it. There will be appropriate discipline."

The mayor reacted after several critics, including Fraternal Order of Police President Mark Donahue, said it's improper to emphasize ticket writing at a time of high-profile crimes, including the murders of police officers and children. The critics also noted the Police Department is short of personnel because of budget constraints.

"I wonder if the reason they are not writing tickets is because they are taking care of some important things, since we have a shortage of cops," said Ald. Joe

Moore, 49th. "You can only do so many things. Maybe going after gang bangers is a bit more important than writing tickets for expired meters."

In the e-mail, a projects administrator in the Department of Revenue said that the number of parking and "vehicle-compliance" tickets issued during the first seven months of the year had dropped to 642,196 from 850,966 during the same period last year.

"Should this trend continue into the 3rd and 4th quarter of this year, the city of Chicago will witness a dramatic decrease in annual revenues and not meet 2010 targets," the e-mail stated.

The Aug. 10 e-mail was sent to more than 50 people, including police district commanders.

Although the memo doesn't suggest that police write more tickets, "the message is there for sure," Donahue said. "It's kind of suspect now that they are looking for any dime they can recover from under any rock."

Chicago boy caught in rip current, drowns

A 10-year-old Chicago boy died after getting caught in a rip current at a Lake Michigan beach in southwestern Michigan, authorities say. Ethan Seitzer was at a private beach in Berrien County on Monday, swimming with his father, when they were pulled out by a rip current, police said.

Body found in Lake Michigan

The body of an unidentified man was found in Lake Michigan on Tuesday night east of Adler Planetarium, not far from where authorities had been searching for a man missing from a boating incident this month. An autopsy on the body, that of a man in his 20s, was scheduled for Wednesday, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

NW Side woman charged in crash

A Northwest Side woman has been charged with drunk driving after she crashed into two cars over the weekend, killing a 4-year-old boy in her car. Laticia Medel, 24, of the 2100 block of North Austin Avenue, also was charged with speeding and driving without a license.

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The wreckage of an Aires Airlines plane sits on the tarmac Monday on the resort island of San Andres. **REUTERS**

Pleas for Pakistan

One-fifth of country still under water, but donations slow to arrive

2 The U.N. is asking countries and donors around the world to send urgent aid to the victims of the flooding in Pakistan, one-fifth of which is now under water.

The aid requested only is half the amount the world body asked for in the aftermath of Haiti's devastating earthquake this year—but twice as many Pakistanis are in dire need of help.

The money poured in for survivors of Haiti's quake, but the funds are slowly coming in for people left homeless or ill in the wake of widespread flooding in the South Asian nation.

Is it because the earthquake was such a sudden shock, destroying huge chunks of cities and villages within a matter of 35 horrifying seconds while Pakistan's floods evolved over three weeks?

That's part of the reason, said Alex Wynter of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Though it is far from truth, the suffering in Pakistan appears more muted than when dump trucks carried thousands of crushed bodies to mass graves outside the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince.

In Haiti, about 3 million lives were disrupted and more than 200,000 people died in the massive January earthquake.

The flooding in Pakistan has been of epic proportions: 20 million people affected;



A 6-year-old girl sits amid the rubble of her destroyed house Tuesday in Charsadda, Pakistan. One-fifth of the country is under water from floods. **GETTY IMAGES**

more than 1,400 dead; 900,000 homes damaged; 3.5 million children at risk of waterborne diseases. More people have been

affected than in the 2004 South Asia tsunami, the 2005 South Asia earthquake and the Haiti earthquake combined.

Pilot on crash: 'Nature is very strong'

1 Survivors of Monday's plane crash at San Andres airport on a small island off the coast of Colombia that left one person dead and more than 120 injured on Tuesday describe nearly two hours of normalcy followed by minutes of sheer terror.

Colombian authorities say they are investigating whether the Aires Airlines Flight 8250 might have been hit by lightning or been buffeted by a severe downdraft.

One of the two pilots stood outside the wrecked plane shortly after the crash and described to a police videographer the flight's final moments. CNN affiliate Caracol TV played the recording Tuesday.

"We were caught in a great sinking as we reached the runway, as our wheels touched down," said the unnamed pilot, his face bloodied. "It threw us out. It threw us out. Nature is very strong."

Police: Mom strangled kids

3 Unemployed, single and apparently fed up with criticism from her mother, a 29-year-old Orangeburg, S.C., woman suffocated her two toddlers with her bare hands before strapping them into car seats and submerging her car in a river, authorities said Tuesday.

Suicide bomber kills at least 57

4 At least 57 recruits and soldiers were killed and 123 wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up at an army recruitment centre in Baghdad on Tuesday, two weeks before the end of the U.S. combat mission in Iraq.

N.Y. gov. plans mosque discussion

5 New York Gov. David Paterson plans to discuss relocating a proposed Muslim cultural center and mosque to a less emotionally-charged location farther away from New York City's "ground zero" site of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Thai police hunt kickboxer

6 A British kickboxer is on the run from the law in Thailand after he allegedly stabbed a U.S. Marine to death after a bar brawl last week. Police have sent a photo of Lee Aldhouse to every immigration check-point in Thailand, police said.



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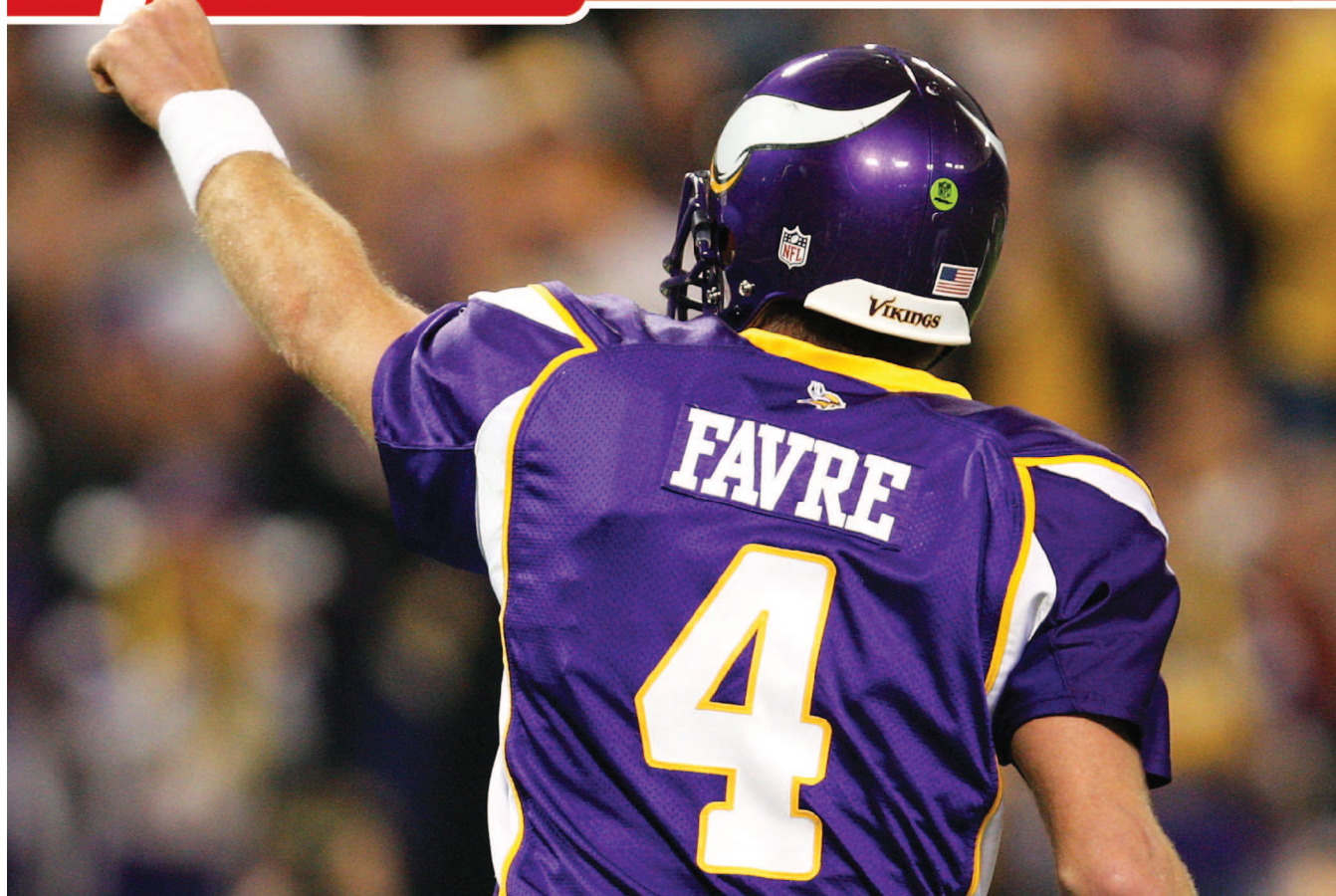
Sleep Apnea:

The Midwest Dental Sleep Center said most sleep apnea sufferers snore. Snoring alone, however, is not enough to diagnose sleep apnea. Other risk factors for the disease:

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- daytime fatigue
- difficulty getting out of bed
- napping or dozing off
- drowsy driving
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- hyperactivity (ADD or ADHD) in children
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If you have these symptoms you might have sleep apnea and need to see your physician.





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Will he be back?

Brett Favre's latest NFL return could be official Wednesday

RedEye

The Brett Favre roller coaster is open for business—again.

Favre might, or might not—but probably will—be ready to suit up for the Vikings again after he flew to Minnesota on Tuesday. He was wooed by current Vikings

Steve Hutchinson, Jared Allen and Ryan Longwell, who were sent to Mississippi to meet with the 40-year-old, three-time league MVP.

Vikings coach Brad Childress will address the media after practice, at about 1:40 p.m. Wednesday. Favre will be made

available to the media at a time “to be determined.”

Although Favre has not announced his decision, all signs report to him returning for his 20th season. Hutchinson even told the NFL Network that Favre's reaction to the trio's visit was “OK, let's do it.”

The good, the bad and the Favre

Not sure whether you should be happy or sad to see Brett Favre coming back to the Vikings? Let us help you decide.

WHY WE'RE HAPPY

- » Can't wait for that Brian Urlacher-Brett Favre-Tommie Harris sandwich with a side of Julius Peppers.
- » Would be poetic justice to see another Vikings first-round playoff exit.
- » One less year of Tarvaris Jackson as a starting quarterback.
- » The chance to watch the last play of his career: an interception—again.



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WHY WE'RE NOT HAPPY

- » The inevitable, wall-to-wall Favre coverage on ESPN.
- » His ability to almost always beat the Bears.
- » Wrangler jeans commercials. Enough said.
- » We're worried we'll see him die on the field one day.



PITCH FEST

BASEBALL FROM BOTH SIDES OF TOWN.

This week's topic: Bean balls



north side

JULIE DICARO
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I realize, as the female and more nurturing half of this discussion, I'm expected to say bean balls are terrible, they have no place in baseball and we can have fun without someone getting injured.

But let's face it: Bean balls are important. Why? Because they lead to the most entertaining spectacle in all of sports:

the baseball fight. Who among us doesn't love a good baseball fight? And by “good,” I mean one where grown men slap at one another like little girls and no one actually lands a punch. Has anything ever been as funny as Derrek Lee's limp-wristed swing at Chris Young? Or Mark Grace (slowly) charging a shrieking Frank DiPino? I submit to you that it has not.

Further, bean balls allow baseball players and fans to take out their anger on opposing players in healthy and non-detrimental fashion. Would you rather have Randy Wells plunk Albert Pujols in the butt and put him on first or watch Pujols launch one onto Waveland? I thought so.

READ JULIE DICARO'S CUBS BLOG AT CHICAGONOW.COM/LEAGUE-OF-HER-OWN.



south side

SOXMAN
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Among the world's most sacred lost treasures, the Ark of the Covenant, the Holy Grail and a Cubs World Series trophy, lies baseball's Ten Commandments. Followed as absolute law “pitchers shall protect thy hitters” is undeniable. It ensures parity in a game where inches can be the difference between a homer and

a brain aneurysm. So, how are the rules of the “payback” pitch to be interpreted?

An Eye for an Eye: Good. Thump in the rump or mid-back is appropriate. June 2006, Ozzie Guillen sends Sean Tracy to the minors after bringing him to tears in the dugout for failing to do it.

Head-hunting: Bad. July 2000, Roger Clemens tries to decapitate Mike Piazza with a heater in retaliation for batting .583 against him in 12 at-bats.

Establish ownership: Good. Take back the dish from a plate-hugger—just not Carlos Quentin.

Ozzie said it best: “I'd rather have my pitcher suspended six games than my hitter on the DL for 30.” Game ova!

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five on five

Twin sillies

Dave Sorrell joined the panel by taking the secret passage he found at redeyechicago.com/5on5.



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1 What motivational tool should Ozzie Guillen unleash as the White Sox battle the Twins?	Ozzie's folly: "Because as long as you're wearing an athletic supporter, everything's gonna be okie-dokie!"	Gold star stickers.	If the team loses, the players should have to clean up every single peanut shell in the stands after the game.	Put a fish tank of piranhas in the clubhouse.	Show them clips of the 2010 Cubs season. Should be enough motivation.
2 How can the Sox be so good one month and so bad the next?	It's the gray area between black and white.	They're on their periods. (I don't think I understand how that works.)	Is that Murphy's Law maybe? Well, maybe Ken Williams' Law.	Phases of the moon.	Two big winning streaks make a team go cocky. Hopefully they realize this.
3 What about this year's Cubs gives you hope for the future?	Obama.	In theory, Jeff Samardzija still could opt to play football instead.	Right now using "hope" and "Cubs" in the same sentence seems silly.	Sweet Lou's sweet retirement.	Hope is a mirage settled on the corner of Addison and Clark.
4 What scares you about the Bears?	They'll literally rip your face off.	Their lack of talent, mostly.	Trusting our livelihood to Mike Martz and Jay Cutler is a frightening prospect.	Olin ... I mean O-line.	Injuries, injuries, injuries, and that's in the preseason alone.
5 The New England Revolution-Fire rivalry is so tense the only cure is sudden death.	... some technical fouls will surely be called.	... Paul Revere may have to warn New Englanders that the Fire is coming.	... Freddie Ljungberg is going to be on "Chicago Tribune Live" on Thursday to relieve some stress.	... you can cut the tension with a vuvuzela.

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8/28 – 6:05 *White Sox Rally Towels*
Presented by Cardinal Fitness

8/29 – 1:05 *Frank Thomas Day*
Presented by Four Winds Casino

LeBron happy with 'Decision'

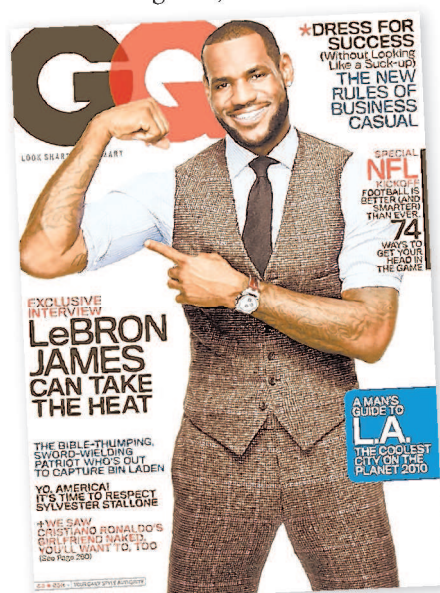
In an interview with GQ magazine, LeBron James said the highly critical letter written by Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert the night James announced his decision to sign with the Heat will give him "a lot of motivation" when Miami plays Cleveland.

Of Gilbert, James said: "I don't think he ever cared about LeBron. My mother always told me you will see the light of people when they hit adversity. You'll get a good sense of their character. Me and my family have seen the character of that man."

James also told the magazine that growing up in Akron, about 40 miles outside of Cleveland, he and his friends didn't like people from the bigger city.

"It's not far, but it is far," James said of Cleveland. "And Clevelanders, because they were the bigger-city kids when we were growing up, looked down on us. ... We hated Cleveland growing up."

Regarding the roundly panned "The Decision" show on ESPN, James said he would not have changed the format for his announcement. "Nothing at all," he said.



Sox pitcher John Danks watches a replay of a home run by Minnesota's Orlando Hudson during the first inning of the Twins' victory Tuesday.

REUTERS



MINNESOTA 7, WHITE SOX 6 (10 INNINGS)

Extra messy

Between replies expressing his admiration for the Minnesota Twins and manager Ron Gardenhire, White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen made a point Tuesday night to stress that it's not all hugs and kisses once the first pitch is thrown and until the final out is made.

"It's not a friendly rivalry," Guillen said. "I hate them. As soon as the game starts, we hate each other. They're my friend. I talk to them before the game. I talk to them after the game. I always have a smile with Gardy and the coaching staff."

The rivalry nearly boiled over.

Delmon Young's two-out home run in the fifth inning off John Danks gave Minnesota a 5-4 lead, but he seemed to motivate the Sox after running out of the base line to throw a forearm at catcher A.J. Pierzynski in the eighth.

Alexei Ramirez responded in the top of the ninth by hitting a game-tying home run off reliever Matt Capps to send the game into extra innings. Then, in the 10th, Ramirez put the Sox up 6-5. But the Twins and Jim Thome would deliver the final blow with a walkoff two-run homer. Final: Twins 7, Sox 6.

Guillen no doubt hates the Twins just a little bit more now.

AL CENTRAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W-L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	69-50	.579	—
White Sox	65-54	.546	4

Jenks says he's ready

After a bullpen session Tuesday, Bobby Jenks declared himself ready to pitch Wednesday night and avoid the 15-day disabled list.

But given Jenks' recent history of nagging injuries, manager Ozzie Guillen seemed eager to survive with the rest of his relievers.

"I've got people there who can do the job," Guillen said. "... But I keep saying, when Bobby's in our bullpen, our bullpen is very, very good. When he's not there, it's just good."



I hereby petition that the Wildcat offense forever after be known as the Willddog offense. It's only fair. Here now, my picks.

1 **Cubs vs. San Diego**
1:20 p.m. CSN

Padres 5, Cubs 1.
Welcome to the big leagues, Casey Coleman.

2 **White Sox at Minnesota**
7:10 p.m. CSN

Sox 6, Twins 4. Sox. Must. Hang. On.

3 **Fire vs. New England**
7:30 p.m. MyTV

Fire 3, Revolution 1.
Hump Day becomes Thump Day at Toyota Park.

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» Gio Ponti will be in a familiar spot Saturday when he will try to join John Henry as the only two-time winners of the Arlington Million. Post positions were drawn Tuesday for the Million, and Gio Ponti drew Post 6, the same stall he departed from last year when he won.

» Midfielder Victor Pineda of Bolingbrook has signed with the Fire, becoming the club's first home-grown player, the team announced Tuesday. Pineda will be available for Wednesday's match against New England at Toyota Park.

» After veteran quarterback Todd Collins turned down an offer from the Bears, the team brought in Matt Gutierrez, who was with Kansas City last season. He spent 2007 and 2008 with the New England Patriots.

FINAL SCORE

» Sky 84, Atlanta 79 » San Diego 1, Cubs 0 » The Mariners' Milton Bradley could be out for the season after undergoing knee surgery.

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Dump 'em or date 'em?

Where to take your summer fling to stoke the flame—or make a run for it

By Greg Walker

As the end of August grows threateningly near, you and your fling are at a crucial crossroads: Should you let your romance go the way of your summer tan or keep the heat going into the fall? If you're itching to make a clean break, head to these let-'em-down-easy destinations. If you're ready to make the move from sitting on the beach to sitting on the couch for a fresh season of prime-time TV, we've got you covered, too.

Dump 'em

Gunner's

1467 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-360-7650

Kindly break the news at this Wicker Park pub, where stiff vodka gimlets and cherry-garnished manhattans (\$8) go far to ease the sting. While your ex is wallowing in his or her drink, make a quick exit to meet up with pals at nearby barbecue joint **Lillie's Q** (1856 W. North Ave. 773-772-5500), where your newly single self can devour a plate of saucy ribs without an ounce of self-consciousness.

Grace Street Tap

3759 N. Western Ave. 773-463-7120

Don't care to mince words with your drama queen/king of a fling? Go out for Tuesday night drinks at this North Center tavern and let the specials—\$3 Skinny Bitch-aritas or Founders Dirty Bastard ale—do the talking. Bonus: It's not a huge loss if a drink somehow ends up tossed in your face.

The Curse

3517 N. Clark St.
773-935-6694

What better way to incorporate a little bit of theatrics in your break-up speech than to meet at this ominously named beer and sausage bar in Wrigleyville? Just think of the possibilities. "Baby, you're Steve Bartman and I'm Moises Alou. I just can't stand you." Or, "Like the Cubs, we are never going all the way anytime soon."



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Date 'em

Curio

230 W. Kinzie St. 312-464-9544

The clandestine speakeasy vibe at this hidden gem of a lounge beneath River North's Gilt Bar makes for major romance. Order a round of champagne cocktails (\$12) laced with herbal Hendrick's gin or sweet St. Germain elderflower liqueur and rehash your summer adventures by candlelight. It's cash only, so the opportunity to whip out a wad of bills should further impress.

Black Dog Gelato

859 N. Damen Ave. 773-235-3116

Upgrade your standard ice-cream date with a trip to this sophisticated Ukie Village gelato shop. Grab a bench outside and savor a cone of salted peanut or caramel cashew (\$3). Take a pint or two to go (\$7) for dessert after your next dinner date.

Vintage Lounge

1449 W. Taylor St. 312-526-3647

Show off your nightlife know-how by taking your date out along Little Italy's Taylor Street, which has seen a burst of new openings this summer. This intimate lounge serves up cocktails named for different neighborhoods, perfect for toasting your future adventures cavorting around the city together. If all goes according to plan, hit up nearby **Stax Cafe** (1401 W. Taylor St. 312-733-9871) the following morning for brunch.

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—ERNEST WILKINS

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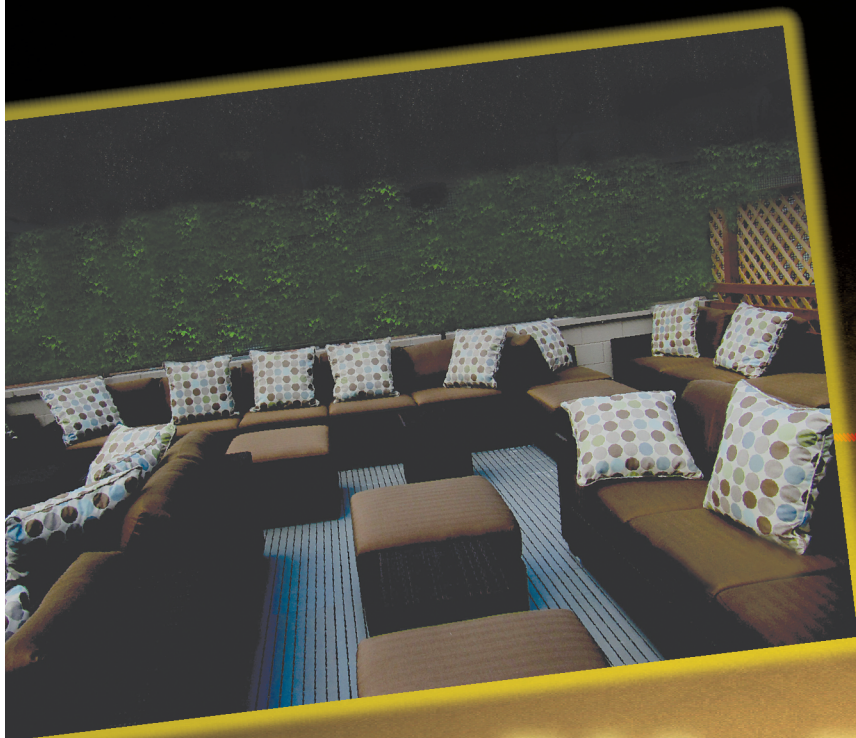
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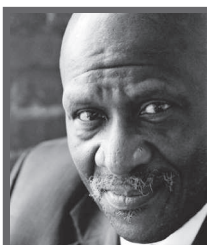
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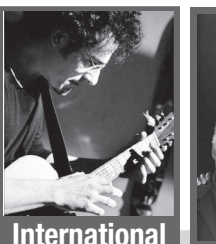
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RANDOM ACTS OF GREATNESS

5 THINGS WE'RE LOVING THIS WEEK



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2 Absinthe cocktail-chocolate pairing (\$13) at Vosges Haut-Chocolat (951 W. Armitage Ave.). It comes with the absinthe fountain set up in all its antique glory, plus a scrumptious anise-infused truffle. It seems the less busy the shop is, the more likely you'll be treated to a freebie chocolate. —L.A.

3 Crinkle-cut sweet potato fries (\$6 for a tray; \$3 charge to sub for regular fries with a meal) at Square Bar & Grill (2849 W. Belmont Ave.). Dusted with a special sugar-spice blend, they're miraculously crispy brown on the outside while remaining soft and sweet inside. —M. KATHLEEN PRATT

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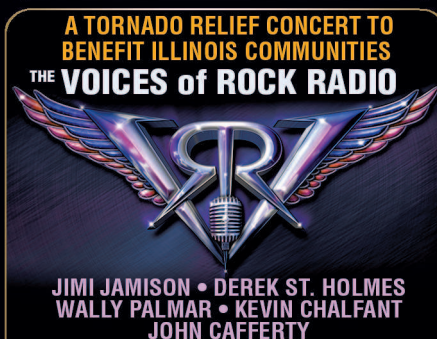
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All about the beard

Folk singer-songwriter says his facial hair fits his music and could protect him in a fight

By Andy Downing

William Fitzsimmons has no problem exposing himself in his songs. "Naked, that's a good word for it," the epically bearded Fitzsimmons says of his hushed, confessional folk tunes' personal nature. "If I were to take my pants off onstage, that would be the only logical next step."

The singer-songwriter, now in his early 30s, settled in the small town of Jacksonville, Ill. He fell in love with the town's quiet environs while passing through on his way back to his childhood home in Pittsburgh following a string of West Coast tour dates. Born the youngest child of two blind parents, Fitzsimmons never envisioned leaving home; for him, stability meant safety. Yet, when reached in the midst of a seven-week tour, he talks about his growing comfort with life on the road, his fondness for "Scrubs" and why he'd likely be victorious in any fight.

Who's got the better beard? You or Sam Beam [of Iron and Wine]?

I think it depends on when you look at a picture. We both seem to change it up every once in a while. I think his moustache is more badass, so that might give him the edge.

Is there something about a bushy beard that lends itself to confessional folk music?

Yeah, maybe. People list off Sam, Justin Vernon [of Bon Iver], Dave Bazan. A lot of bearded guys have a knack for this genre. ... It seems to suggest that the person is fatherly.

Were you always comfortable with being so emotionally open in your music?

I think it's sometimes hard for people to believe, but it

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2. Stone Temple Pilots

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3. Dax Riggs

10 p.m. Fri. at Empty Bottle

Blues rocker just released "Say Goodnight to the World."

4. Aerosmith

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5. DMX

10 p.m. Fri. at Congress Theatre

was never challenging for me. I grew up in an environment where, at least with my mother, I was encouraged to be open. She put a high value on honesty and disclosure and confession. Then I got into the mental health field, which is really all about bold authenticity and exposing everything. Singing songs about the painful things I've gone through is nothing compared to [sitting with] people who have thought about killing themselves or are hearing voices or trying to kick heroin.

Have you adapted well to being on the road?

In some ways I think so. The way that I grew up, I was a very non-traveled, isolated young person. The idea of traveling was terrifying to me, because I was so used to being at home. We didn't have a car and never spent much time moving around. Stability kind of meant safety and security for me. It was quite a bit of a challenge to get on airplanes for 10 hours or to get in a van and drive 12,000 miles. It took its toll at first, but I think I've learned how to do it.

In the past, your music has been heard on the likes of "Grey's Anatomy." If you could pick a show for your music to be featured on, what would it be?

The one that I always wanted was "Scrubs." I was a big fan of the show, and Zach Braff, just out of the kindness of his heart, sort of helped my career along by mentioning me in interviews and things like that. [The show] ended before I ever got a song on, but in one of the last episodes he actually wore one of my T-shirts on the show, which I thought was kind of cool.

Based on your music, I'm guessing interviewers often approach you as though you're fragile. When was the last time you got into a fistfight?

I did hit a kid once in elementary school because he hit me first. I tend to try to avoid it if I can. But the truth is, man, my beard would absorb any kind of punch, so if I do get in a fight, I have no doubt I'll win.

Just lead with the chin.

Right! It's the exact opposite of what you normally want to do in a fight. Just lead with the chin and they can't do anything.

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New releases



Lissie

"Catching a Tiger"



(Fat Possum)

On her debut EP, "Why You Runnin'," Lissie (born Elisabeth Maurus) came across like a roots-rock siren, her honeyed voice curling around



each word like smoke swirling over a campfire. But on her first full-length effort, many of these woodsier elements have been shorn off in favor of a slicker sheen. Oftentimes it sounds like the Illinois-born singer is trying on different visages in a desperate attempt to find the right fit. "Loosen the Knot," with its syrup-sweet chorus, sounds like she's doing her best Sheryl Crow impression, while "In Sleep" could be a twirling Stevie Nicks outtake. Not surprisingly, Lissie sounds her best when she strips the music back to its rawest elements, as she does on the languid "Bully" and gorgeous album-closer "Oh Mississippi" (lifted from her EP), a lilting, piano-fueled ode to the river that curved past her childhood home, doubling as a reminder of simpler days. Here's hoping she continues exploring a similarly unharried musical direction next time around. — ANDY DOWNING, SPECIAL TO METROMIX

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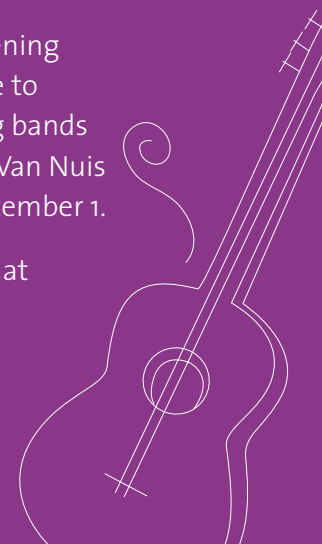


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WEDNESDAY CONCERTS

ALFONSO PONTICELLI AND SWING GITAN

9 p.m. \$6. Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

ANDERS OSBORNE

8 p.m. \$20-\$34. Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. 847-492-8860.

BECKIE MENZIE

8 p.m. Free. Davenport's (in the piano bar), 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-278-1830.

BHOB RAINEY, JASON STEIN, JIM BAKER, BRIAN LABYCZ, BHOB RAINEY, AARON ZARZUTZKI

9:30 p.m. \$8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

BIBLE OF THE DEVIL, LEECHES OF LORE, KNIFE OF SIMPSON

9 p.m. \$5 donation. Quenchers Saloon, 2401 N. Western Ave. 773-276-9730.

BIG RAY AND CHICAGO'S MOST WANTED PRO JAM

9:30 p.m. \$5. B.L.U.E.S., 2519 N. Halsted St. 773-528-1012.

BLONDIE

7:30 p.m. \$30-\$50. The Venue, 777 Casino Center Drive, Hammond, Ind. 866-711-7463.

DAME MYRA HESS MEMORIAL CONCERT: WASHINGTON GARCIA

12:15 p.m. Free. Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. 312-744-6630.

DAVE SPECTER

9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 700 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

ERIC DAVIS AND THE TROUBLEMAKERS

10 p.m. \$10. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

ERIN MCDUGALD

6 p.m. Free. Crimson Lounge, 333 N. Dearborn St. Hotel Sax. 312-923-2473.

FRANK CATALANO SEXTET

2 a.m. Free. Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

GRANT PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL

6:30 p.m. Free. Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. 312-742-7638.

GRANT PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL (OPEN REHEARSAL)

11 a.m. Free. Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. 312-742-7638.

HELLSENT, ROBUST, DJ DALLAS JACKSON

10 p.m. \$7. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

HINDA HOFFMAN WITH THE RON PERILLO TRIO

8 p.m., 10 p.m. Free. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth St. 312-360-0234.

J.W. WILLIAMS BLUES BAND WITH PATRICIA SCOTT

9 p.m. \$8. Blue Chicago at Ohio, 536 N. Clark St. 312-661-0100.

JIMMY JOHNSON

7 p.m. Free. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

JON CONOVER, KEVIN TRUDO

8 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Devon, 1401 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-9801.

KIRI TE KANAWA, BRIAN ZEGER

8 p.m. \$10-\$90. Ravinia Festival, Martin Theatre, 200-231 Ravinia Park Rd., Highland Park. 847-266-5100.

LONIE WALKER AND HER BIG BAD ASS CO. BAND

11 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.



LOOKING DAGGERS, TAXI, ALMA SUB ROSA

8 p.m. \$7. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

MAURICE VAUGHN, JIMMY BURNS BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. \$12. Kingston Mines, 2548 N. Halsted St. 773-477-4646.

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9:30 p.m. \$7. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

SAREDREN WELLS, JON WILLIAMS SWING GROUP

8 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

S*** HEADS, SEX ROBOTS, NIGHTCAP, THE AUTOMATIC LOVERS, MILES OF KYLES

8 p.m. \$7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. mpshows.com

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8 p.m. \$8. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

PARAMORE, TEGAN AND SARA, NEW FOUND GLORY, KADAWATHA

6:30 p.m. \$36. Charter One Pavilion at Northerly Island, 1300 S. Linn White Drive. 877-598-8703.

SWEETBACK SISTERS, PARKINGTON SISTERS

9 p.m. \$10. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

TIM SEISSER GROUP, RABAK, WHITE RABBIT

9 p.m. Free. Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-274-5463.

WHEN CLOUDS ATTACK, MICHAEL UNA, MICHAEL UNA, BULLET CALLED LIFE, BIOGRAPHER

8:30 p.m. \$8-\$10. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

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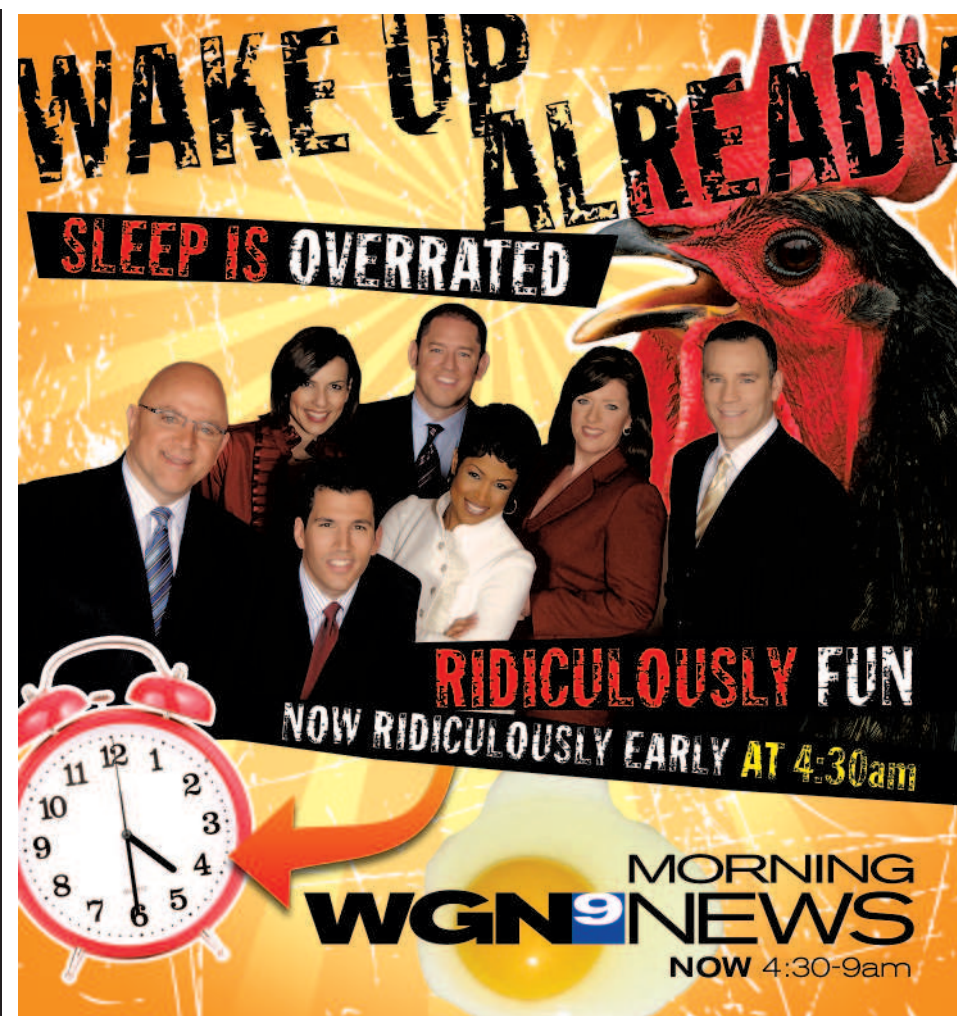
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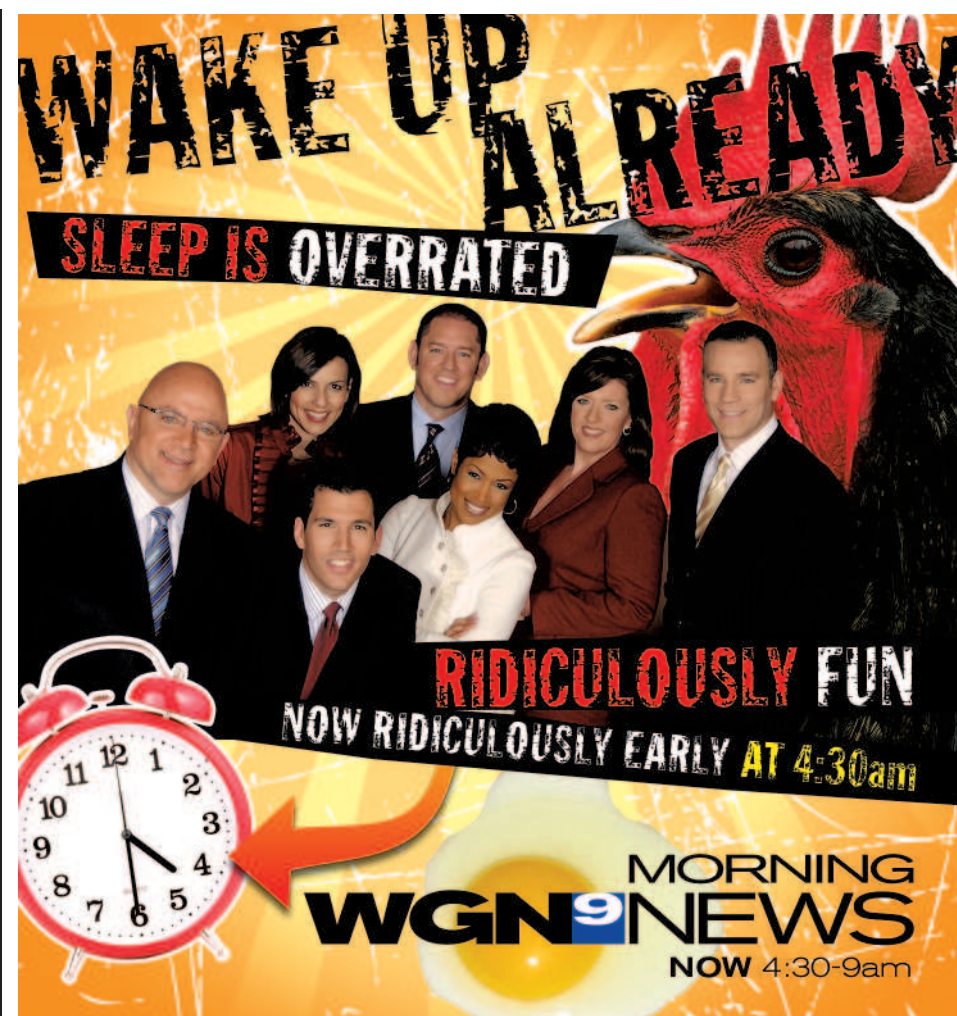
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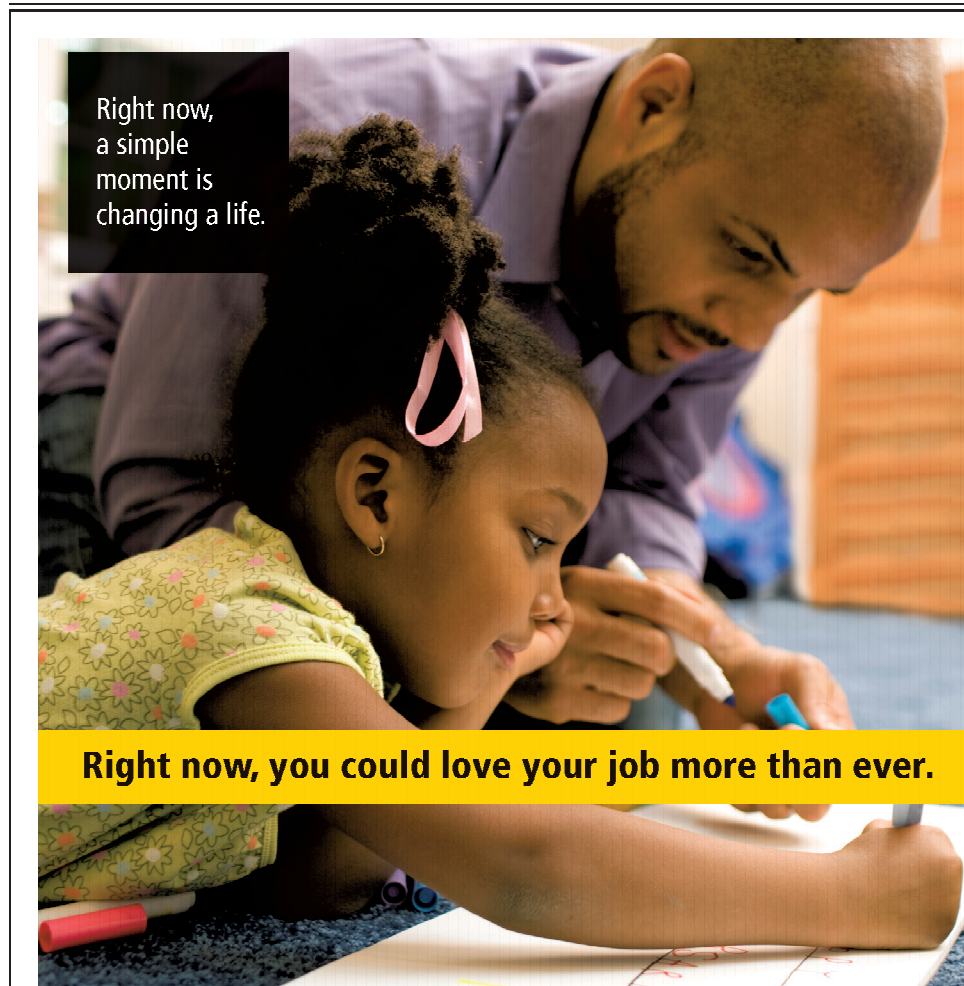
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YOUR ON-SALE CONCERT GUIDE

ON SALE 10 A.M. WEDNESDAY

Crawl, The Wee Trio, Tuesday, Oct. 5 (\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Hello Dave, The Dirty Blue, Saturday, Oct. 23 (\$10-\$12,

21+) at Martyrs'.

John McLean, Tuesday, Oct. 12 (\$10, 21+) at Martyrs'.

The Shiavos, The Bergamont, Monday, Oct. 4 (\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

Carolina Chocolate Drops, Friday, Oct. 22 (\$20, all ages) at Park West.

ON SALE 10 A.M. FRIDAY

Gwar, Tuesday, Oct. 26 (\$23-\$25, all ages) at House of Blues.

Lyfe Jennings, Monday, Sept. 27 (\$25-\$33, 17+) at House of Blues.

Mayday Parade, Wednesday, Oct. 27

(\$15.50-\$18, all ages) at House of Blues.

OK Go, Sunday, Oct. 10 (\$22.50, all ages) at House of Blues.

Rocky Votolato, Friday, Oct. 15 (\$12-\$14, 17+) at Beat Kitchen.

ON SALE NOON FRIDAY

Avi Buffalo, Wednesday, Oct. 20 (\$12, 18+) at Schubas.

Bloody Beetroots Death Crew 77, Jamaica, Monday, Oct. 18 (\$15, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

DeVotchKa, Angus and Julia Stone, Scotland Yard Gospel Choir, Friday, Oct. 15, Saturday, Oct. 16 (\$25, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

Dominique Young Unique, Saturday,

Sept. 4 (\$10, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

The Joy Formidable, Tuesday, Nov. 9 (\$10, 18+) at Schubas.

Lissie, Sunday, Oct. 17 (\$14, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

The Morning Benders, Cults, Sunday, Oct. 31 (\$15, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

Mumford and Sons, Cadillac Sky, Sunday, Oct. 31 (\$20, all ages) at Riviera Theatre.

Rue Royal, Saturday, Oct. 9 (\$8, 18+) at Schubas.

Shearwater, Damien Jurado, Tuesday, Nov. 16 (\$14, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

Bassnectar, Emancipator, Saturday, Oct.

30 (\$35, 18+) at Riviera Theatre.

The Frames, Tuesday, Nov. 23 (\$26, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

Griffin House, Tyler James, Friday, Oct. 1 (\$17.50, all ages) at Park West.

Grinderman, Monday, Nov. 22 (\$29, 18+) at Riviera Theatre.

Los Lobos, Backyard Tire Fire, Saturday, Nov. 6 (\$35, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

Massive Attack, Martina Topley Bird, Friday, Oct. 15 (\$40, 18+) at Riviera Theatre.

Kate Nash, Tuesday, Nov. 9 (\$20, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

Never Shout Never, Saturday, Nov. 27 (\$16.50-\$18, all ages) at House of Blues.

Parachute, Hot Chelle Rae, Friday, Oct. 22 (\$17.50, all ages) at Subterranean.

Stars, Thursday, Oct. 7 (\$22.50, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

The XX, Warpaint, Zola Jesus, Tuesday, Sept. 28 (\$27.50, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

Yonder Mountain String Band, Friday, Nov. 5, Saturday, Nov. 6 (\$23-\$28, 17+) at House of Blues.

You, Me and Everyone We Know, Sunday, Sept. 26 (\$10, all ages) at Beat Kitchen.

ON SALE 11 A.M. SATURDAY

Sufjan Stevens, Friday, Oct. 15 (\$35, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

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 Show times change daily

- **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) ♦ 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:45
- **The Expendables** (R) 11:40, 3:00, 5:45, 8:30, 11:00
- **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) ♦ 11:50, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50
- **The Other Guys** (PG-13) ♦ 11:20, 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:15
- **Step Up 3D** (PG-13) 10:45, 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)
 2828 North Clark St., Chicago
 (773) 509-4949

- **The Extra Man** (R) 1:40, 4:15, 10:05
- **Get Low** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55
- **Winter's Bone** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40
- **I Am Love** (R) 1:15, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00
- **The Wildest Dream: Conquest of Everest** (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 7:30, 9:50
- **The Kids Are All Right** (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:20, 10:10
- **Farewell** (NR) 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)
 2600 N. Western Ave.
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DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
 4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
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- **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) ★ 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
- **The Expendables** (R) ★ 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45
- **The Kids Are All Right** (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
- **Inception** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- **Furry Vengeance** (PG) 10:00 A.M.

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
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- **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35
- **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) ♦ 11:55, 3:05, 6:45, 9:50
- **The Expendables** (R) ♦ 11:05, 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:25, 5:25, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45, 10:30
- **The Other Guys** (PG-13) ♦ 11:00, 1:35, 4:10, 6:55, 9:20
- **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55
- **Step Up 3D** (PG-13) ♦ 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
- **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) 10:35, 1:10, 3:55, 6:35, 9:30
- **Step Up 3** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:15, 3:50, 6:30, 9:00
- **Salt** (PG-13) 11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:15, 10:10
- **Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore** (PG) 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 5:45, 7:50, 10:05
- **Despicable Me** (PG) 11:45, 1:55, 4:15, 6:40, 9:10
- **Inception** (PG-13) 11:50, 3:00, 6:20, 9:40
- **Predators** (R) 10:45, 1:20, 4:05, 7:45, 10:15

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
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- **Everyday Black Man** (NR) 6:00 P.M.
- **Bunny and the Bull** (NR) 6:15 P.M.
- **Bilal's Stand** (NR) 8:15 P.M.
- **Journey of the Children: The Mighty Boosh on Tour** (NR) 8:15 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE
 2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
 (773) 252-0628

- **Grown Ups** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:15, 6:20, 8:25
- **Despicable Me** (PG) 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10
- **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:10, 6:25, 8:40
- **Toy Story 3** (G) 2:00, 4:05, 6:10, 8:20

MUSIC BOX
 3733 N. Southport, Chicago
 (773) 871-6604

- **The Girl Who Played With Fire** (R) 4:00, 6:40, 9:20
- **Don't Bother to Knock** (NR) 5:15, 9:30
- **Sudden Fear** (NR) 7:00 P.M.

PIPER'S ALLEY (AMC)
 1608 N. Wells, Chicago
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 Show times change daily

- AMC Independent **Peep! Live** (NR) 1:25, 3:35, 5:25, 7:15, 9:15
- AMC Independent **The Concert** (PG-13) 2:05, 4:20, 6:45
- AMC Independent **Cyrus** (R) 12:05, 4:55, 9:40
- **The Kid: Chamaco** (NR) 7:30 P.M.
- AMC Independent **Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky** (R) 2:15, 7:00
- **Chasing 3000** (NR) 9:45 P.M.
- **Backyard: El Traspaso** (NR) 5:15 P.M.
- **In Therapy** (NR) 12:10 P.M.
- **Tropico de Sangre** (NR) 2:30 P.M.

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
 322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
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 Show times change daily

- **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) 11:45, 12:45, 3:05, 4:10, 6:45, 7:45, 10:20
- **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) ♦ 10:00, 12:10, 2:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:45
- **The Expendables** (R) ♦ 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:05, 8:10, 9:10, 10:05

- **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) ♦ 10:40, 11:40, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:20, 8:30, 10:30

- **The Other Guys** (PG-13) ♦ 10:15, 11:15, 1:00, 2:00, 3:50, 4:50, 6:40, 7:40, 9:25, 10:25

- **Step Up 3D** (PG-13) 10:55, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10
- **Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore 3D** (PG) 10:35, 12:55, 3:15, 5:40, 7:50, 9:55

- **Middle Men** (R) 10:25, 3:50, 9:00

- **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:30

- AMC Independent **Get Low** (PG-13) 10:50, 1:35, 9:35

- AMC Independent **The Kids Are All Right** (R) 11:20, 1:55, 10:30

- **Charlie St. Cloud** (PG-13) 1:10, 6:25

- **Inception** (PG-13) 10:10, 12:35, 1:30, 4:00, 7:15, 10:40

- **Salt** (PG-13) ♦ 10:10, 12:50, 3:25

- AMC Independent **The Girl Who Played With Fire** (R) 10:45, 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35

- **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) 10:05, 12:40, 3:15, 5:50, 8:25

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
 7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
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- **The Expendables** (R) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)
 1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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- **Piranha** (R) Advance Tickets Available
- **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Step Up 3D** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 10:05
- **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:15, 7:00, 9:15, 10:00
- **The Expendables** (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40
- **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
- **Inception** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:30, 7:40, 10:50
- **The Other Guys** (PG-13) 12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20
- **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:45
- **Salt** (PG-13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
- **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) 1:20, 3:40, 5:50, 8:15, 10:30

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)
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- **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) 12:35, 3:50, 7:00, 10:05
- **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 6:50, 9:10
- **The Expendables** (R) 12:45, 3:30, 6:15, 9:00
- **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) 2:15, 5:40, 8:20, 10:55
- **The Other Guys** (PG-13) 12:30, 1:20, 3:15, 4:10, 5:50, 6:45, 8:30, 9:30, 11:00
- **Step Up 3D** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
- **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
- **Middle Men** (R) 2:55, 8:10
- **Salt** (PG-13) 12:25, 2:35, 5:10, 5:30, 7:40, 10:20, 10:45
- **Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore** (PG) 12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45
- **Despicable Me** (PG) 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:15
- **Inception** (PG-13) 12:55, 4:05, 7:20, 10:35
- **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) 2:05, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)
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- **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:50, 6:00, 9:15
- **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) 10:50, 1:00, 3:05, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
- **The Expendables** (R) 10:45, 12:15, 1:20, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15
- **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) 11:30, 1:55, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
- **The Other Guys** (PG-13) 10:55, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:45, 10:10
- **Step Up 3D** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:15, 6:15, 8:45
- **Middle Men** (R) 7:35, 10:10
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- **Salt** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- **Despicable Me** (PG) 11:20, 1:45, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10

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- **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) ★ 12:40, 2:50, 3:50, 6:00, 7:00, 9:10, 10:10
- **The Expendables** (R) ★ 9:15 P.M.
- **The Expendables** (R) ★ 1:10, 2:00, 4:00, 4:50, 6:40
- **The Expendables** (R) 7:30, 10:15
- **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) ★ 1:20, 4:15, 7:20, 9:50
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- **The Other Guys** (PG-13) ★ 12:30, 1:50, 3:15, 4:30, 6:10, 8:45
- **The Other Guys** (PG-13) ★ 7:10, 10:00
- **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) 6:30, 9:30
- **Salt** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
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- **Inception** (PG-13) 7:45, 11:00
- **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) 1:15, 3:45, 6:20, 9:00
- **The Kids Are All Right** (R) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
- **Toy Story 3 3D** (G) 2:15, 5:10, 7:50

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- **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 12:40, 2:50, 3:50, 6:00, 7:00, 10:10
- **The Expendables** (R) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 9:15 P.M.

OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
 1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
 (630) 444-FILM #560

- **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- **The Expendables** (R) ★ 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- **Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore** (PG) 12:35 P.M.
- **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
- **Get Low** (PG-13) 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35
- **Salt** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
- **Inception** (PG-13) 12:25, 3:35, 6:45, 9:55
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BY REBECCA PALMORE



Daredevils' Hamlet

Stunt men dressed in jumpsuits pay homage to Shakespeare's classic tale of revenge, passion and failure. Previews Thursday. Through Sept. 25. \$10-\$15 or pay what you can. The Neo-Futurists at The Neo-Futurarium, 5153 N. Ashland Ave. 773-275-5255.

Frost/Nixon

Peter Morgan's drama portrays interviews between TV show host David Frost and disgraced former President Richard Nixon in 1977. Previews Wednesday. Through Oct. 10. \$18-\$38. Time-Line Theatre, 615 W. Wellington Ave. 773-281-8463.

Ignition Festival

See readings of new plays in development by six emerging writers of color, including Tanya Saracho, who adapted "The House on Mango Street." Wednesday through Sunday. \$5. Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-871-3000.

Abbie Hoffman Died for Our Sins Theater Festival

The non-stop fest celebrates the anniversary of Woodstock with more than 40 theater groups and performers. Friday through Sunday. \$10-\$25. The Mary-Arrchie Theatre Co. at Angel Island Theater, 731 W. Sheridan Rd. 773-871-0442.

Blackbird

David Harrower's drama looks back at an illicit sexual relationship as the victim confronts the perpetrator. Next show: Wednesday. Through Aug. 25. \$15. The Guild Theater at Stage Left Theatre, 3408 N. Sheffield Ave. 312-613-8885.

Dumb luck

New solo show tackles the perils of partying, absent-mindedness

By Julia Borcherts

Local funnyman Sean Flannery bills himself as "the world's dumbest man," but he's made some smart choices. Since arriving in Chicago from Cleveland in 2001, he's co-founded "Visitors Locker Room," an online parody of sports talk shows; stand-up series Chicago Underground Comedy; and along with nationally recognized comedians such as Kumail Nanjiani, TJ Miller and "SNL" writer Hannibal Buress, the YouTube video team **blerds.com**. **Comedy.com** named him one of Chicago's top three comics.

So why the self-deprecating tagline? During his 33 years, Flannery—a married dad with a day job in network security—says he's accidentally nearly offed himself multiple times via alcohol-impaired judgment and absent-mindedness. In Flannery's debut solo show, "Never Been to Paris," he humorously recounts these misadventures for your entertainment. We were dying to find out more.

What's your show about?

Outwardly, it's about times I almost killed myself by either partying or not paying attention. Inwardly, the show's about how you should live every day like it's your last. You see that in movies; they're like, "You'll find the woman of your dreams. You'll find the job of your dreams," and I do believe that's true, but they don't tell you there are going to be some day-to-day costs. Like, I've been fired from over 20 jobs.

That's an impressive track record.

Almost always I was fired for chronic tardiness, but there were a few exceptions: not talking to customers properly, not listening well. But most of them were for just arriving way too late or skipping entire days of work.



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What does the show's title refer to?

[It's] about the moment you think you're going to die. In one of the stories, I was dressed as a ref (I was working at Lady Foot Locker at the time) and drove my car off a bridge on accident. You expect your last words to be poignant—"I've always loved you" or "I've never even been to Paris." But instead you say something like, "This whistle does not even work."

What types of injuries have you sustained in your, um, adventures?

I walked off a roof and fell two stories, broke my back in three places and shattered my heel. I've shocked myself unconscious twice—[once] during a job interview! I've broken several ribs from drunken nights; I always seem to

run into something that's chest-high when horsing around in the dark. Most of the time, I'm lucky enough to skate by with no scratches.

Is there a particular drink that sends you over the edge?

I tend to drink just whatever's on special. I'm kind of a "quantity man" over "quality man." So if there's a weird special like dollar Jell-O shots, I'll drink that. [Laughs]

What was the idea behind your series "Visitors Locker Room"?

I love sports, but a lot of women I talk to hate sports because of how men behave. For example, my mother-in-law graduated from University of Michigan but she lives in Columbus, by Ohio State. And she had to quit putting her Michigan flag up because people were taking dumps on her porch. We make fun of that ridiculousness and [act of] taking it too seriously.

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Add some wine to your picnic

A glance at the calendar reminds us that September is lurking around the corner, which should provide us with enough incentive to make the most of these final weeks of the summer season. And what could be a more perfect summer activity than a picnic? If you're planning to pack a bottle of wine in your basket, here are a few tips to keep in mind.

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Check the policy

No sense in going through the trouble of packing the perfect bottle of wine for your picnic only to discover alcohol is prohibited at your outdoor venue, so check the BYOB policy beforehand.

Keep it cool

If you don't want to bother schlepping a cooler filled with ice, pop a couple of plastic water bottles in your freezer. You can nestle the frozen bottles next to your white, sparkling and rose wines to keep them nice and cool. You also can use plastic zip-top bags or ice packs.

Screw caps are convenient

Try to select wines with a screw cap, leaving you with one less thing to pack. Screw-cap bottles also are easily re-sealed, ensuring zero spillage on your picnic blanket if the bottle gets knocked over.

Glasses

Nothing against those red plastic cups, but if given the choice, I like to pack real glassware. Unfortunately, this can be cumbersome and many outdoor spaces prohibit the use of glass. I have discovered polycarbonate glasses that look and feel like the real thing. Best of all, they're almost indestructible, so you don't have to worry about breakage and they can be reused. You can purchase polycarbonate barware from Target, Williams-Sonoma and Crate and Barrel.

Invest in a wine tote

If you take wine on picnics fairly often, it's probably worth it to get a proper wine tote. A basic tote will accommodate one or two bottles, an ice pack and a wine opener. You also can use an old backpack, large purse or messenger bag.



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- 4 Fire residue
- 9 Conceal
- 13 Reaction to poison ivy
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- 16 Some of Keats' poems
- 17 When doubled, one of the Society Islands
- 18 Slight coloring
- 19 "As ye sow, so shall ye _"
- 20 So-called
- 22 _ a soul; nobody
- 23 Comedian Sahl
- 24 Falsehood
- 26 Come _; find
- 29 Typesetter's workplace
- 34 Fake
- 35 Edge
- 36 Regret
- 37 Promising
- 38 Human _; person
- 39 Festival
- 40 Mamie's man
- 41 Lost color
- 42 Ponders
- 43 Diminished
- 45 Truthful
- 46 Peculiar
- 47 Page of a book
- 48 Peruvian Indian
- 51 Strong-willed
- 56 Take a gander
- 57 Wanderer
- 58 Tush
- 60 Tahoe or Erie
- 61 Rope loop with a slipknot
- 62 Engrave
- 63 Small outbuilding
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- 65 Expression of mock surprise

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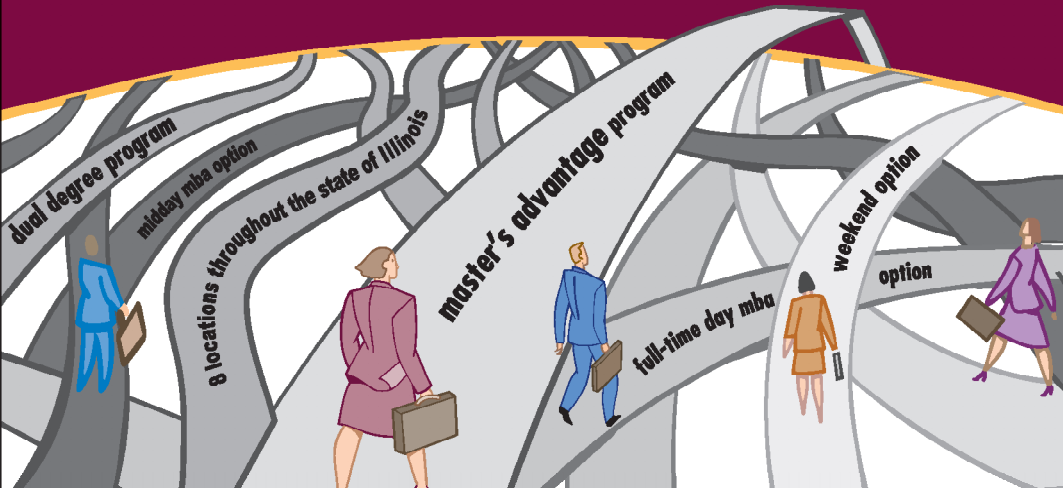
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- 29 Used a lever
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By Emily Rosenbaum Maka | REDEYE

Fall movies are right around the corner, which means trailers are spreading out over the Web, hoping to ensnare our interest and dollars. It's difficult to judge a book by its cover, of course, but there are some things we can learn about these flicks by examining the trailers.



'Black Swan'

What it's about: Natalie Portman is a prima ballerina who lands a coveted role. Her rival and alternate, played by Mila Kunis, seems to want to take that away from her.

Trailer take-away: It looks very dark and atmospheric. There are mysterious cuts and scrapes on Portman's body, along with ominous music and mind games. What's up with Portman's character? Is she flipping out? Does she have a dark side? Perhaps she just needs some carbs.



'Love and Other Drugs'

What it's about: Jake Gyllenhaal is a pill rep and a ladies man. But then his carefully contrived, skirt-chasing world is turned upside down by a free spirit played by Anne Hathaway. Oh, and she has some sort of disease.

Trailer take-away: Gyllenhaal grins and charms, Hathaway makes Viagra puns and her hands shake because SHE IS SICK, PEOPLE! Gyllenhaal is forced to re-examine his shallow life. Let's hope this relationship is healthier than the one Gyllenhaal and Hathaway had in "Brokeback Mountain."



'Life As We Know It'

What it's about: Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel go on the blind date from hell. They don't like each other one bit, but then their best friends are tragically killed in a car accident and guess who they designated as the people to raise their child? Oh, yes.

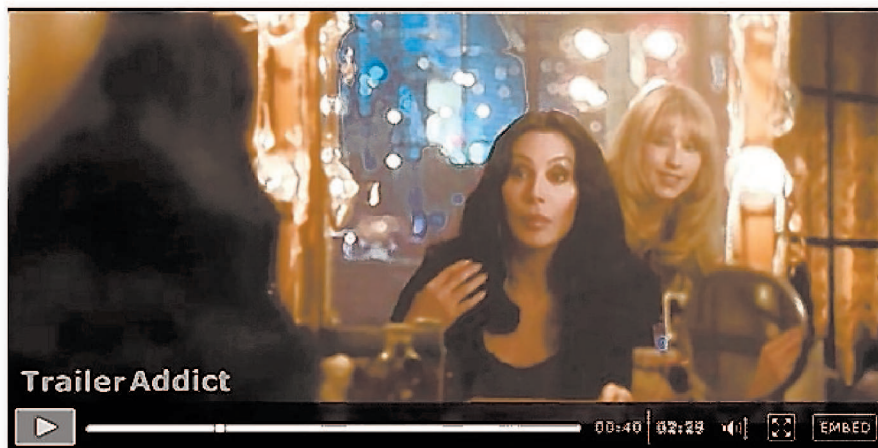
Trailer take-away: The fact that the parents chose these two nitwits with their precious progeny is frightening. Heigl pulls out her patented wide-eyed/manic/wisecracking/zany routine. She can't take care of a baby! She gets baby poop on her face! She hates the man who's been selected to co-parent with her! She eventually falls for him!



'I'm Still Here'

What it's about: Joaquin Phoenix grew a disturbing Unabomber beard and started mumbling about quitting acting to focus on a music career a couple of years ago. Casey Affleck decided to make a documentary—or is it a mockumentary?

Trailer take-away: There's some weird voiceover from a shaman or faith healer or life coach or something telling Phoenix he is a drop of water on a mountain. Then we have Phoenix looking as though he hates his hairbrush and wrestling on a bed with some guy, going to church, showing off his bloated belly, wiggling out in a hotel room and hugging Diddy.



'Burlesque'

What it's about: Christina Aguilera plays a naive young woman who thinks being a burlesque performer is the greatest thing ever. Cher is the one who can make that happen.

Trailer take-away: Sequins, jump cuts, heavy makeup, cheesy dialogue, Kristen Bell in a brunette wig and half-naked, nubile bodies await us. Cher's face no longer moves. "Chicago" meets "Cabaret" meets "Moulin Rouge" meets "Showgirls."

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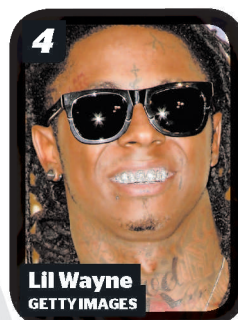
For the third time in four years, Jay-Z has been crowned the hip-hop cash king by Forbes. He earned a whopping \$63 million in the past year. His income was more than double the total brought home by Diddy, who came in at No. 2 with \$30 million. Akon, who brilliantly signed Lady Gaga to his label, is third with \$21 million. Lil Wayne is fourth and Dr. Dre is fifth. Our very own Kanye West made the top 10 as well.



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"People think pop is rock, and the lines are getting blurred. Now Rihanna's wearing [bleeping] leather jackets, and it's really annoying."

Taylor Momsen in the September issue of Spin magazine via mtv.com



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The Snookup

The guy who was photographed making out with Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi over the weekend is kissing and telling. Jeff Miranda, an Iraq war vet, spoke to usmagazine.com about the "Jersey Shore" star and said the two met at Karma, the Seaside Heights bar where a lot of the "Shore" action takes place. "We hit it off really, really good," Miranda says. "Nicole is actually really cute and seems like a cool-ass person, even though she's drunk most of the time."

Project fun-way

Tim Gunn, the impeccably dressed mentor on Lifetime's "Project Runway," is hopping TV channels to guest-star on the CW's "Gossip Girl," a source tells ew.com. Gunn is set to play himself. The new season of "Gossip Girl" debuts Sept. 13.

Red, bite and nude

Three "True Blood" stars are naked and covered in blood on the cover of Rolling Stone. Sookie

(Anna Paquin), Bill (Stephen Moyer) and Eric (Alexander Skarsgard) clearly have excellent eating and exercise habits. Inside, creator Alan Ball talks about all the sex on the HBO show. "The idea of celibate vampires is ridiculous," he says "To me, vampires are sex. I don't get a vampire story about abstinence."

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That's how many viewers watched David Hasselhoff get thoroughly and mercilessly roasted Sunday night on Comedy Central. "The Comedy Central Roast of David Hasselhoff" was the highest-rated cable show of the night among adults.

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